tion boards and other Government outlets; and

(b) the terms and conditions of this arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The information of being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Foreigners' visit to North-East Region

3397. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners who visited in the North-East Region during the year 1995-96, 1996-97, Statewise;

(b) the details regarding their purposes of visit and countries they belonged; and

(c) the reasons for not relaxing issue RAP/PAP for allowing the foreigners to visit the State of Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Restricted/protected Area Permit Regime was lifted from the States of Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura on 19.5.95 and no permit is required by foreigners visiting these States. Certain places of tourist interest have been opened in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram and foreigners are allowed to visit these places after obtaining permits from the competent authority. No data of the permits issued is centrally maintained.

(c) Foreigners are allowed to visit open places in the States of Aruncahal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram. Relaxations in the RAP/PAP regime are considered from time to time and proposals received from the State Governments are processed and appropriate decisions taken.

Security for Journalists and Political Leaders

3398. SHRI K. REHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of journalists, political leaders other than Ex. MPs and Ex. Ministers who have been provided security and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that certain journalists and political leaders have got security by organising take threats to their life and whether the IB has verified the claims; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a committee with a judicial officer in the committee to examine each case on merit as crores of public money is wasted on few individuals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The number of such protectees at present is 131. Security has been provided in their cases on the basis of threat assessment.

(b) Security is provided not on the apprehensions or claims of individuals but on the basis of threat as perceived by security agencies.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

दिल्ली न्यायालयों में अभियोजित अपराधी

3399. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994, 1995 और 1996 के दौरान दिल्ली राज्य में पुलिस द्वारा अपराधी माने जाने वाले कुछ व्यक्तियों पर न्यायालयों में मुकदमें चलाए गए थे; और

(ख) इनमें से मार्च, 1997 तक कितन व्यक्तियों को दोषी ठहराकर दण्डित किया गया तथा कितने व्यक्तियों को न्यायालयों द्वारा निर्दोष पाया गया?